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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7384

BILL NUMBER: HB 1816

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 19, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Teacher Certification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows a person who has failed the teacher licensing examination at least two times to demonstrate proficiency by having the person's teacher education school or department certify to the Department of Education that the person possesses the content knowledge required by the examination.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary-* A teacher education school would be allowed to certify to the Department of Education that an applicant is proficient in a test area if the applicant has twice scored below the cut-score on that test area by no more than two points. Applicants pay to take the qualifying examination. The Department would have to process certification documentation sent by education schools within existing resources. The bill does not make an appropriation to cover these expenditures.

Background: The Department reverted \$3.3 M back to the state General Fund at the close of FY 2006.

PRAXIS Examinations- PRAXIS examinations are given by ETS (the current PRAXIS vendor) to applicants directly at various colleges and universities in the state. The PRAXIS examination is currently offered in either paper/pencil or computer-based form. Applicants may retake the examination an unlimited number of times. The fee is \$35 per test area for the Praxis I paper/pencil examination. All three required categories (reading, writing, and mathematics) total \$105 in fees. Fees for computer based tests are \$75 for one test, \$110 for two tests, and \$145 for three tests.

The following table shows the current cut-scores for both versions of PRAXIS I.

Test Area	Paper/Pencil	Computer
Reading	176	323
Writing	172	318
Mathematics	175	320

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Educational Testing Service: www.ets.org; Indiana Department of Education, Division of Professional Standards website: www.doe.state.in.us/dps/faq/teachertesting.html.

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